



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4 of the application as filed, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

The electrofusion element is disposed about the lower surface of the body such that the ~~electrofusion~~ electrofusion element substantially defines a perimeter positionable adjacent the leak portion of the plastic pipe to sealably couple with the plastic pipe to encapsulate the leak.

On pages 15-16 of the application as filed, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 32 of page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

The apparatus 150 is further provided with a cavity 200 defining the interior of the first portion 152 and second portion 154. The cavity 200 within the apparatus 150 may be of various configurations, however, the cavity 200 should provide sufficient clearance to enable the apparatus 150 to be placed about the plastic pipe 12 having the clamp 50 (see FIG. 3). In this manner, the apparatus 150 may be used without removing the clamp 50, which is one ~~advantage~~ advantage to the present invention.

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